

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colonel (Retired) Jan Laitos' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Colonel Laitos has devoted more than 70 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Colonel in the United States Air Force and community leader in Rapid City, South Dakota, as well as service to the United States Air Force Association, Rapid City Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota National Guard, and the Rapid City Rotary Club; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

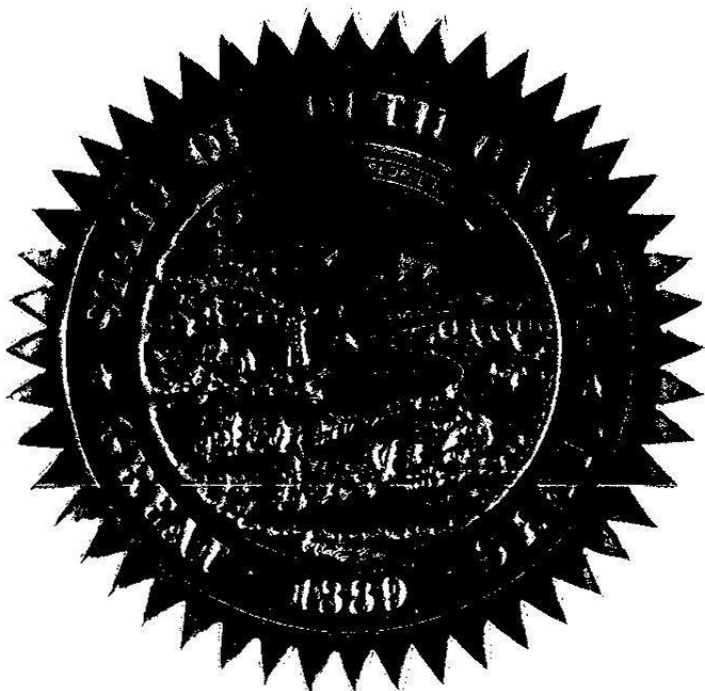
Whereas, Colonel Laitos continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Colonel Jan Laitos for more than 70 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

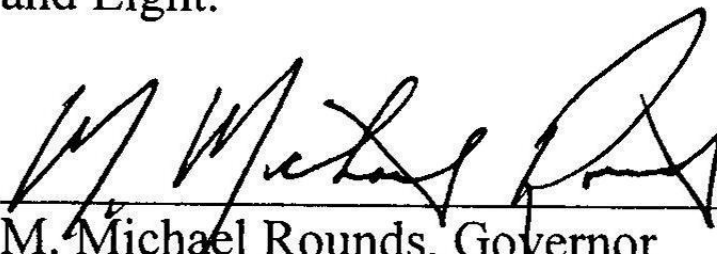
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2008, as

COLONEL JAN LAITOS DAY


in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well on this momentous occasion and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State